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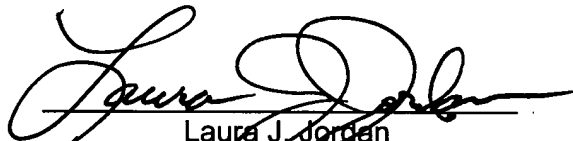
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DISPLACEMENT OF OSTOMY APPLIANCES**  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This communication is made in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 6, 2006 and it is requested that the Examiner please amend and reconsider the application in view of this communication.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper, please note that the status identifiers have not been changed from the Amendment filed on 18 October 2005.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.